



**Town Recreational Shellfish Crier
November 27, 2019**

1. Shellfishing Permits Going on Sale Monday, December 2

2020 shellfishing permits will go on sale in the Principal Clerk's office (Jeanne Maclauchlan) on the second floor of Town Hall on Monday, Dec. 2, 2019. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2 – 4 p.m.

If you held a shellfishing permit in 2019, you will not need to fill out an application. However, if any information is missing in our system, such as cell phone or email address, vehicle information or license plate number, you will need to provide that info to the Principal Clerk before your permit will be issued. Permits are valid beginning Jan. 1, 2020 for the entire calendar year. **2019 permits expire on Dec. 31 of this year and will not be valid in January.**

To be eligible for a Resident Recreational Shellfish Permit, you must show proof that you are:

- a. A registered voter in the Town of Wellfleet, or
- b. Listed as a year-round resident on the Town of Wellfleet Census, or
- c. Listed as a real estate property owner in the Assessor's office with property that has a tax bill issued with a total annual tax amount owed of at least \$400.00, or
- d. The spouse or domestic partner of a listed real estate property owner, or
- e. The dependent of a listed real estate property owner with the same year-round address on a Driver's license, picture ID or Student ID, or
- f. A Trustee of real estate property listed in the Assessor's office, or
- g. Active military personnel whose home of record is Wellfleet

Recreational shellfishing permits can be issued by mail. **You must send in an [application completed in full and include a self-addressed stamped envelope](#).** Incomplete applications will not be processed. Residence must be proven to the satisfaction of the Shellfish Constable and Board of Selectmen. You will be contacted if further documentation is required.

2. Recreational Permit Reminder

Each permit entitles its user to harvest shellfish as follows: one person – one basket – one rake. The permit is non-transferable. The total amount of shellfish, comprising oysters, quahogs, soft-shell clams or razor clams, blood ark clams or ponderous ark clams taken in one (1) week shall not exceed ten (10) quarts, which is one full wire basket. The new week starts on Sundays. Oysters must measure three inches vertically on a ring, quahogs must measure at least one inch on the hinge, soft-shell clams need to be longer than two inches.

Three-inch PVC oyster rings that wonderful volunteer and recreational shellfisherman David Thompson made for us are free to recreational harvesters when you get your permit. Bay scallop season is open until March 31. The limit is one bushel per week; **bay scallops must have a well-defined, raised annual growth ring to be harvested**. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions: 508-349-0325.

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